

Monday, February 20th, 2023

Dear {{ prefix }} ,

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Here you will be able to learn more about my work in Washington and at home serving Long Islanders.

STATE OF THE UNION

On one hand, I appreciated the President's words on bipartisanship, his desire to help working families, bringing manufacturing home, building in America, addressing mental health issues, assisting Veterans, and protecting entitlements which so many have worked hard for and paid into.

On the other hand, I was disappointed he chose to lie about Republicans' position on Social Security and Medicare and did not discuss serious proposals to take on China, balance the budget, secure our border, cut spending, restore the SALT deduction, support law enforcement, unleash American energy, and ensure that our military remains the greatest fighting force in the world.

I hope the President follows through on his words with meaningful and bipartisan action. Words without action mean nothing to the American people.

VOTES

Congress recently passed several pieces of legislation to help make Long Islanders' lives easier. With my support, we passed bipartisan legislation to improve the security of our energy infrastructure; lift the vaccine mandate on international travel; prevent foreign nationals, including Chinese Communist Party officials from voting in D.C. elections; ensure that Washington is safer for everyone; and hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for sending a spy balloon over the U.S.

I was proud to see that each of these bills passed the House in a bipartisan manner, showing there is strong support and consensus for House Republican's agenda to support working families, boost our economy, strengthen our military, make our communities safer, and restore American energy independence.

H.R. 302, the bipartisan Energy Cybersecurity University Leadership Act will address the rise in cybersecurity threats against energy infrastructure in the United States. This bipartisan bill will both bolster the energy sector's growing workforce and strengthen the United States' ability to address future cyberattacks. H.R. 302 passed the House unanimously.

H.R. 185 is a another bipartisan bill that would terminate the requirement imposed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for foreign travelers. H.R. 185 passed the House with a vote of 227-201.

H.Res. 104 is a bipartisan resolution condemning the Chinese Communist Party's use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over United States territory as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty. H.Res. 104 passed unanimously, 419-0.

H.J.Res. 24 is yet another bipartisan bill to condemn the ridiculous action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, which would allow foreign nationals to vote in local D.C. elections. H.J.Res. 24 passed with a vote of 260-162.

Finally, H.J.Res. 26 is a a bipartisan bill to disapprove of the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act. If enacted, the Council's dangerous legislation will embolden violent criminals, threatening the well-being of both Washingtonians and visitors at a time of heightened crime in our nation's capital. H.J.Res. 26 passed with a vote of 250-173.

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

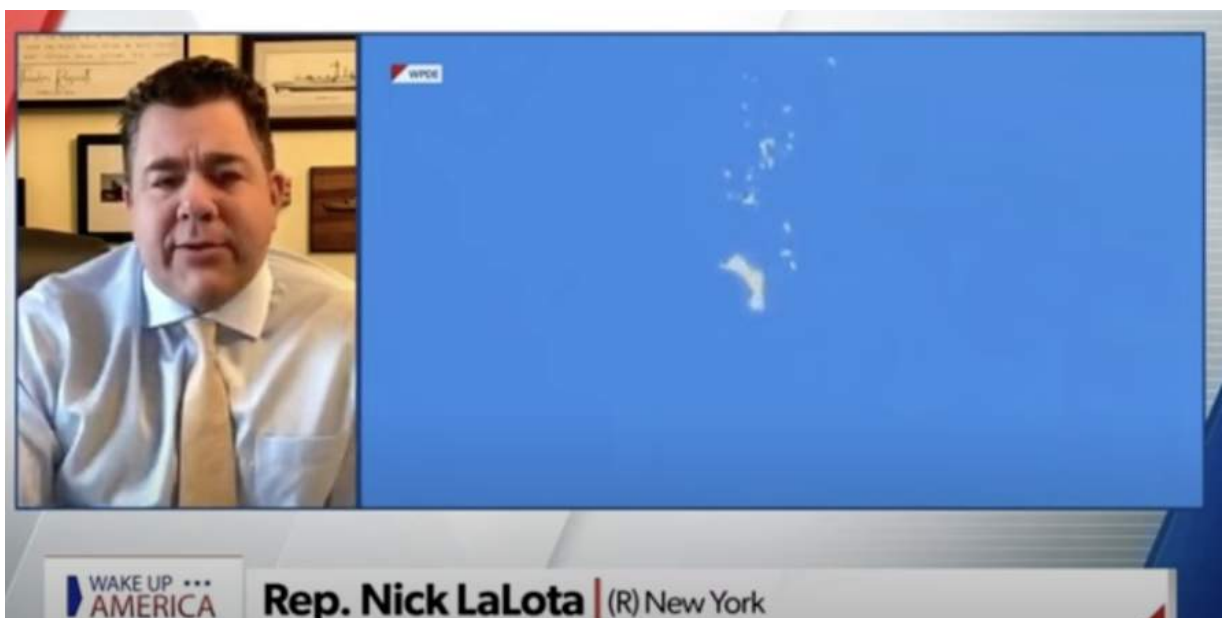
I participated in three hearings with the House Armed Services Committee. Our hearings covered a wide range of topics ranging from the growing threat posed by China and cybersecurity.

Click [HERE](#) to watch my questions at the China hearing and [HERE](#) for the cybersecurity hearing.



INTERVIEWS

I joined Newsmax's Wake Up America to preview the State of the Union and discuss the growing threat from China. Click [HERE](#) to watch the full interview.



I joined CNN's This Morning to react to the State of the Union and discuss the debt limit. Click [HERE](#) to watch the full interview.



I talked with News 12 to give my thoughts on the State of the Union. Click [HERE](#) to watch the full interview.



Finally, I joined Fox News to discuss the importance of bipartisan work to counter China. Click [HERE](#) to watch the full interview.



CAUCUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week, I joined a bipartisan group of members from New York, California, New Jersey, Connecticut, Minnesota, and Illinois to re-launch the [bipartisan State and Local Tax \(SALT\) Caucus](#). The caucus' goal is to restore the SALT deduction to cut taxes and help make life more affordable for millions of middle-class families on Long Island.

I was proud to join my colleagues to help relaunch the bipartisan SALT Caucus. For every dollar a New York taxpayer sends Washington, we get a mere 93 cents back. To right that wrong, one of my top priorities in Congress is to get something done on SALT and I am committed to working to deliver real results for the people of New York's First District.



I was also proud to announce that I joined the bipartisan For Country Caucus. The For Country Caucus is a bipartisan group of Military Veterans in the U.S. House of Representatives. The For Country Caucus prides itself on bringing Veterans together to advance policies that strengthen the fabric of our nation. In the four years since its founding, the caucus has made important strides to improve the lives of our military members and their families, enhance services for our fellow Veterans, and foster public service opportunities for the next generation of Americans.

For centuries, Military Veterans have put our country first. Now in Congress, I am pledging to put our country before my party by joining Veterans in Congress who are interested in results more than rhetoric. I look forward to working with the incredible group of Veterans in the For Country Caucus to ensure we ensure America remains the greatest country the world has ever known.

Sincerely,

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